







VILLAGE NEWS

MARCH/APRIL 2019



8th Annual Irish Fest

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 | SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Celebrate all things Irish in a huge heated tent filled with awesome Irish music performed by some of Chicago's hottest Celtic musicians, Irish food and of course Irish beer! Irish Fest is located in the Chase Bank parking lot at the corner of Emerson and Busse, only one block from the Mount Prospect Metra stop! FREE parking across the street in the Emerson Street Parking Deck | ADMISSION IS FREE!



Entertainment

FRIDAY I 5PM TO 11PM

They Might Be Irish featuring Matt Rowley Larkin & Moran Brothers

SATURDAY | 11AM TO 11PM

Hogan Irish Dance Academy, Trinity Irish Dancers & Saol Academy of Irish Dance

The Dooley Brothers, Mulligan Stew, The McGowen's and They Might Be Irish featuring Matt Rowley

Westport, Ireland's very own They Might Be Irish featuring Matt Rowley is back by popular demand! Playing the best of Irish songs mixed with contemporary rock makes for a night of fun and dance!

Eats

HARRINGTON'S I fish 'n chips, corned beef sandwiches and Irish potatoes

FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL UNION 4119 I burgers and hot dogs

GALWAY BAKERS I Irish baked goods

Drink

Guiness, Harp, Half & Half, lite beer and wine

Irish Swag

Irish Boutique with Irish sweaters, tees, hats and more! Mount Prospect Junior Women's Club

Sponsorship

There are several sponsorship opportunities available and this is THE YEAR to be a part of Irish Fest!

Contact the Chamber office 847.398.6616 or dawn@mountprospectchamber.org.





For up to the minute info visit www.mpirishfest.com or @MPIrishFest on Facebook.

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Community Events



Early Bird Pool Pass Sale March 1 – May 1 ANY MT. PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT FACILITY

Mt. Prospect Park District Summer Pool Passes will give you access to three pools: Big Surf Wave Pool,

Meadows Aquatic Center, and RecPlex Indoor Pool. If you purchase your pass by May 1, you'll be eligible to win prizes, including a free pool pass for the next year. Pool pass holders enjoy exclusive Magic Mondays and Super Sunday hours. Individual passes cost \$110 for residents and \$120 for non-residents, and family passes are \$215 for residents and \$235 for non-residents. For more information, visit mppd.org.



Ageless Grace Friday | March 1, 8, 15, 22* & 29* | 1:30pm VILLAGE HALL **COMMUNITY ROOM**

50 South Emerson Street The Mount Prospect Village Nurse offers free weekly exercise events. Join us for

a seated exercise program with music that works the body and mind. *Due to voting, Ageless Grace will be held in the Board Room on these days.



Mini Golf at the Library

Saturday | March 2 10am – 3pm MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street Join the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation

(MPPLF) for an 18-hole miniature golf outing at the library. This unique adventure will have golfers putting throughout the library, between the stacks, and down the stairs. There will also be a 19th Hole entertainment area for players with refreshments, entertainment, and games. The MPPLF provides funding to the library for special programs and projects that are otherwise unattainable with tax dollars. For more information, visit mppl.org.



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Senior Walking Club Tuesdays | March 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 8:30am LIONS RECREATIONAL CENTER | Main Gym

411 South Maple Street Senior residents are invited to get some exercise and walk with the Mount Pros-

pect Medical Reserve Corps, All seniors are welcome to participate.





Play and Learn Tuesday | March 5, 12, 19, & 26

11:30am - 12:30pm COMMUNITY **CONNECTIONS CENTER**

1711 West Algonquin Road Parents, bring your toddlers and preschool-age children

to the Community Connections Center's Play and Learn program. Listen to books, dance to music, and enjoy making fun crafts. To learn more, call 847.506.4930.



WELCOME!

Conversations in English

Thursday | March 7 & 21 11:30am - 1pm Thursday | March 14 & 28 5:30pm - 7pm COMMUNITY

CONNECTIONS CENTER

1711 West Algonquin Road If you are learning English,

come practice your conversational skills in a friendly group setting with native English speakers. Hot tea will be served. This program is available for Mount Prospect or Elk Grove Township residents. For more information or to register call 847.506.4930.



French Trivia Night Friday | March 8 | 7pm VILLAGE HALL **COMMUNITY ROOM**



snacks, and beverages for an evening of fun, camaraderie, and prizes. All questions are in English. Tickets are \$10 plus a small service fee, and proceeds support community activities and programs sponsored by Mount Prospect's Sister Cities Commission. To buy tickets and choose your tables, visit mountprospectsistercities.com/events. Limit 10 people per table. Tickets must be purchased in advance; there are no sales at the door. For ticketing questions, call Doreen at 847.818.5300.



SECOND SUNDAY AT THE SOCIETY: A Peek in Mount Prospect's Attic



opportunity to take a peek behind the scenes. Don't miss this chance to view artifacts from the Society's collection. The Society will open their extensive storage area, which is normally closed to the public, so you can see firsthand how they store and archive historic items from Mount Prospect's past.



Mt. Prospect Community Band *How* Sweet It Is Concert

Sunday | March 10 3:30pm TRINITY UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH 605 West Golf Road The Mt. Prospect Commu-

nity Band spring concert features beautiful melodies to sweeten your afternoon. Selections include Suite of Old American Dances, In the Miller Mood, and English Folk Song Suite. The band is a program of the Mt. Prospect Park District. Tickets can be purchased for \$8 in advance at the

RecPlex (420 West Dempster) or for \$10

at the door. For more info, visit mppd.org.

All About GMOs by Kim Morton Wednesday | March 13

11:30am



FRIENDSHIP PARK **CONSERVATORY** 395 Algonquin Road,

Des Plaines More than 2.000 studies say that genetically modi-

fied food is as safe as conventional food. But ongoing concerns over its long-term effects, as well as government regulation, could put the brakes on GMOs and jeopardize our ability to feed the world now and in the future. Kim Morton has been a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Cook County Farm Bureau since its inception in 2013 and is one of Chicagoland's premier speakers on GMO testing and use. Refreshments 11:30am, social hour/meeting at 12:15pm, program at 1pm.



Cocoa with the Cops Wednesday | March 13 3:30 - 5:30pm MCDONALD'S

13 West Rand Road Eniov some delicious hot chocolate and meet officers assigned to beat 3168. Officers will be serving up complimentary hot choco-

late while discussing community issues Courtesy of Bear Family Restaurants.



Rules of the **Road Class**

Wednesday | March 27 1:30pm



VILLAGE HALL **COMMUNITY ROOM**

50 South Emerson Street If you'd like a refresher in advance of taking your

written exam for driver's license renewal, join the Human Services Department for this review. Call 847.870.5680 to register.



Money Smart Week March 30 - April 6 MOUNT PROSPECT **PUBLIC LIBRARY**



10 South Emerson Street Stop by the library during Money Smart Week for seminars about how to manage your finances.

Topics include, Women's Retirement Planning on Monday, April 1 from 7 to 8pm, Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning on Tuesday, April 2 from 7:30 to 9pm, and Investing in Uncertain Times on Wednesday, April 3 from 10 to 11am.



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The 50s Plus Breakfast Hour Thursday | April 4

9 - 10amVILLAGE HALL

50 South Emerson Street Residents 50 years of age and older are invited to attend the 50s Plus Break-

fast Hour on Thursday, April 4 at Village Hall. Come join your Village team and the



11:30am - 1:30pm MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

101 & 103 South Maple St. Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society at Central School for a unique

Chamber of Commerce to learn and have fun. For info, please call 847.870.5680.



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Lunch with the Bunny

Saturday | April 6 11:30am - 12:30pm ROB ROY GOLF COURSE



Trails Park District for an afternoon lunch, refreshments, treats, and an egg hunt. You never know who'll show up, so don't forget your camera. Please bring a high chair or booster seat if needed; a limited number are available. To request specific seats, register online at rtpd.org or stop by Weiss Center to complete a form. Registration deadline is March 29 or once 100 people are registered. For more information, call 847.255.1200.



National Library Week Trivia Night

Tuesday | April 9 7:30 - 9:30pm

MOUNT PROSPECT **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

10 South Emerson Street

The library is hosting a trivia contest featuring questions from a variety of categories, including history, pop culture, sports, and more. Gather a team of two

to five participants and contact Janine Slayton or Joe Collier at 847.253.5675 by March 30.



Shakespeare's *Garden* by members of the Garden Club of Evanston

Wednesday | April 10 11:30am

FRIENDSHIP PARK **CONSERVATORY**

395 Algonquin Road, Des Plaines

The Shakespeare Garden was established a century ago as a project of the Garden Club of Evanston. Designed by renowned Danish-American landscape architect and conservationist Jens Jensen, all the flowers, shrubs, trees, and herbs in the garden are mentioned in Shakespeare's plays. Garden Club member Érica Granchalek will talk about the garden's history, and fellow member Beth Schroeder will talk about the plant materials. Refreshments 11:30am, social hour/meeting at 12:15pm, program at 1pm.



Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club Show

Saturday | April 13 9am - 5pm Sunday | April 14 Noon – 5pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street Stop by the Library to

experience the Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club's amazing display. Follow the train around the room as it travels through different worlds, each of which was meticulously created by adult LEGO enthusiasts. Come and explore this unbelievable exhibit sponsored by the Friends of the Library. No registration necessary.



Easter Egg Hunt Saturday | April 13

9:30 - 10:10am (3- to 4-year olds) 10:20 - 11am

(4- to 5-year olds)

11:10 – 11:40am



(5- to 8-year olds) **RECPLEX** 420 West Dempster Street

Join the Mount Prospect Park District for an *Egg*stra special day at the annual indoor Egg Hunt. Jump into piles of grass and hunt for treat-filled eggs. Bring a basket for all your treasures and a camera for a photo with the Easter bunny. After the hunt, kids can make a special

craft. Register early—this popular event sells out. Tickets are \$5 per child for the egg hunt and an additional \$3 for the craft. Egg hunt start times are staggered based on age. For info, visit mppd.org.



HISTORY IN THE **HEADLINES:** Celebrate Three Days of Peace and Music 50 Years Later

Saturday | April 13 6:30pm

ROB ROY GOLF COURSE

505 East Camp McDonald Drive, Prospect Heights

Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society as it celebrates and re-imagines the 1969 Woodstock Music Festival for its eighth annual History in the Headlines. Travel back in time 50 years to celebrate and toast the days of hippies and rock music with food, music, and décor of the day, Historian Ellie Carlson will discuss that pivotal moment in modern history and its long-lasting effects on this country. Attendees can also take part in a fun Woodstock trivia contest. Tickets go on sale March 1. To register, visit mtphist.org or call 847.392.9006.



SECOND SUNDAY AT THE SOCIETY: Pinecone Bird Feeders

Sunday | April 14 11:30am - 1:30pm MOUNT PROSPECT



Celebrate Earth Day by making a pine cone and

cranberry bird feeder to hang in your vard. This make-and-take activity is fun for all ages. During this event, the Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours.



Earth Day Celebration with the Mt. Prospect Park District

Saturday | April 20



Des Plaines Learn about gardening, recycling, and going green

during a free Earth Day celebration with the Mt. Prospect Park District. Tour the greenhouse and get tips for making vour garden grow. Guests can also visit additional displays from Mount Prospect Public Works and The Garden Club of Mount Prospect. Visit mppd.org for more information.



8th Annual Irish Fest April 26 | 5-11pm

April 27 | 11am-11pm DOWNTOWN MP **CHASE BANK**

PARKING LOT Celebrate all things Irish in a huge heated tent filled with Irish music, Irish food

and of course Irish beer! For details and up to the minute info visit www.mpirishfest.com or @MPIrishFest on Facebook.



Volunteer 101

Saturday | April 27 10 - 11:30am

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

→10 South Emerson Street Discover how effortless it is to find the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. This class provides an overview

of the many volunteer opportunities available in the Mount Prospect area. It also explores the benefits of volunteering and illustrates how your efforts can make a positive impact on the community. Seasoned volunteer professionals from Handson Suburban Chicago will introduce vou to their website, a user-friendly tool that helps you find a volunteer position that fits your skills and interests. To register, visit mppl.org, call 847.253.5675, or stop by the library.

Seasonal Maintenance Positions Available

Work involves patching potholes, weeding flower beds, painting fire hydrants, reading water meters, etc. The work requires physical strength and endurance plus the ability to withstand exposure to the elements. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. For more info, visit mountprospect.org. Email completed applications to pwjobs@mountprospect.org or send to Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056.



Vehicle Sticker Renewals Deadline is April 30

All vehicles owned by Mount Prospect residents and Mount Prospect businesses must display a Village vehicle sticker. Purchase vehicle stickers online at mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers, no pre-printed application required.

Renewal applications were mailed in February and reflect a vehicle ID on the pre-printed application that will help in the renewal process.

Rates for 2019-2020 Stickers

Passenger Vehicles \$45 Motorcycles & Motorbikes \$30 Class B Trucks \$68

Full-size Trucks Charged by Class/Body Weight

Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall Monday through Friday, between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. The Finance Department will be offering extended hours in April:

Tuesday, April 23 8:30 am to 7:00 pm Saturdays, April 20 & April 27 9:00 am to noon

Twenty-four-hour payment boxes are located outside the front door of Village Hall and in the parking garage, next to the library book return. A late penalty will be added to the cost of a vehicle sticker purchased after April 30.

Full-price passenger stickers only may be purchased at the Elmhurst Road Currency Exchange located at 1698 S Elmhurst Road, #106. There is an additional \$2.00 service fee per sticker at the currency exchange.

Additional Details

- A reduced rate of \$15 is available for residents 65 years of age and older, limit one per household.
- Those who did not receive a renewal application in the mail are still responsible for purchasing a 2019-2020 sticker.
- If purchasing new license plates, do not wait for receipt of the plates to purchase
 the vehicle sticker. Simply indicate applied for in the license plate information
 field. When the plates are received, contact the Finance Department and provide
 the new plate number.

This year's vehicle sticker was redesigned in response to resident feedback. Those with a sticker design that is not their preference may return it to the Finance Department at Village Hall and request an exchange. This applies to those who received the first design, as well as those who will receive the new design. Sticker exchange details are found at mountprospect.org.

For more information about vehicle stickers, please call the Finance Department at 847.392.6000 or visit mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers.

Holiday Light Removal

Village code requires that temporary exterior lights be removed 60 days after a holiday. In addition to maintaining the look of your neighborhood, the requirement serves as a benefit to you as well, as the ultra violet



(UV) rays from sunlight can deteriorate smaller gauge wire over time, as can ice and wind. After you remove the lighting, inspect it for wear before storing it for next year. Any damaged lights should be recycled to prevent causing a fire if used again.

Chicago Executive Airport Expansion

Nearby Chicago Executive Airport (CEA) is engaged in a master planning process, causing concerns among residents regarding potential expansion of runways and operations. The Village is actively participating in the process on behalf of residents. Mayor Arlene Juracek is a member of the Stakeholder Involvement Group and Trustee Richard Rogers is a member of the Airport Noise Committee.

The CEA is updating its Master Plan, the first update in 30 years, and is exploring a range of future business models and runway scenarios, none of which are guaranteed to ever occur. Nonetheless, if the airport is to receive federal funding for things like sound insulation for residents over and above the \$2.5 million recently received, it must demonstrate that it has gone through this exercise.

Mayor Juracek has argued that any expansion of the main runway, if it is to occur, must be north of Palatine Road, south of Hintz road, and aimed over industrial and forest preserve land, not residential land uses.

It is important that citizens participate in the process and all are encouraged to file comments/concerns directly with the airport. Mount Prospect residents wishing to provide feedback on the CEA Master Plan are encouraged to submit written comments to Jamie Abbott, CEA Executive Director, 1020 South Plant Road, Wheeling, IL 60090, or via the project website at chiexec.com/cea-master-plan/contact-us.

The Village will conduct an on-the-road Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Village Board on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Burning Bush Trails Park Facility at 1313 N Burning Bush Ln. At this meeting, there will be a discussion of the CEA Master Plan process. This is an open meeting and the public is encouraged to attend.

To stay involved and be aware of next steps you can do any of the following:

- Join the mailing list
- Visit the project website chiexec.com/cea-master-plan
- Attend Public Meetings
- Provide Input on Alternatives
- Provide Input on the Preferred Alternatives Concepts
- Stay informed by reading Master Plan Update newsletters/factsheets
- · Attend Municipal briefings
- Follow CEA's social media sites

Take Advantage of Early Voting/Grace Period Registration for April 2nd Elections

Registered voters in Mount Prospect are invited to vote early for the April 2nd Consolidated Election. Non-registered voters may also register to vote on site, during this period. Early voting begins March 18th and will run through April 1st. Early voting will take place in the Community Room at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street during the following days and hours:

 March 18 – 23
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

 March 24
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

 March 25 – 29
 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

 March 30
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

 March 31
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm



For more information, contact Village Clerk Karen Agoranos at 847.818.5333 or kagoranos@mountprospect.org.

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

April 1

Community/Economic Development

Edwin and Elsie (Meyn) Busse Park Update

With the design phase coming to a close, the proposed Edwin and Elsie Busse Pocket Park will soon move on to the construction bid process. The design phase featured various open houses, design charrettes, and community events to solicit feedback and provide direction. The Village appreciates your support and input, as incorporating public engagement is paramount toward the success of this project. Completion of the project is anticipated for late summer or early fall.

For more information, please visit: mountprospect.org, click: Departments > Community Development > Edwin and Elsie (Meyn) Busse Park or contact the Planning Division at 847. 818.5328.





Now Open for Business at Randhurst Village



Several new restaurants have opened at Randhurst Village including Salsa Street, MOD Pizza, and McAlister's Deli. Aligned Medical Health and Club Pilates are open for business as well.

Also new to the area, The Red Barn Restaurant & Brewery

opened across from Home Depot on Kensington Road.



Looking ahead, shoppers will be pleased to learn that a new DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) will be occupying space next to Michael's.

Randhurst Village is the place to shop, eat, and play. Support our local businesses by making Randhurst Village your first stop for shopping and dining!

Check out the Village of Mount Prospect's Development Updates webpage to learn about new and upcoming openings.





Saturday | January 5 EYE LEVEL LEARNING CENTER 834 East Rand Road | Suite 5 224.735.2399 eyelevelmountprospect.com Join the Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission for

French Trivia Night

Friday, March 8, 2019 - 7 PM







Mount Prospect Village Hall - Community Center 50 S. Emerson Street

Celebrate Mount Prospect's French-American connection. Bring a friend, some snacks & beverages for fun, camaraderie & prizes! All questions in English.

Tickets \$12.50

All tickets must be purchased in advance.

No sales at door/All sales final

To purchase tickets and choose table and seats visit:

mountprospectsistercities.com/events

Need help with ticket purchase? Please contact Doreen at 847-818-5300

Proceeds support community activities and programs sponsored by Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission

Public Works

Unlimited Organics Collection Program Begins April 1

The Village's organic yard waste curbside collection program will begin April 1st. In addition to traditional organic waste such as yard clippings, leaves and twigs, the organics collection program also allows residents to include some food items such as fruits and vegetable scraps. All yard waste and organics material will be collected in unlimited quantities for no additional charge (no sticker required), but residents must provide their own rigid container or obtain one through the cart rental program for collection. Kraft paper bags may be used for yard waste only; food material cannot go in a kraft paper bag.

For more information on the organics program contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

BRUSH FLOWERS LEAVES FRUITS AND VEGETABLES EGG SHELLS PASTAS MEAT (NO BONE) CRACKERS CEREALS CHEESE, YOGURT (NO LIQUIDS) COFFEE GROUNDS Is this OK for Organics collection? STYROFOAM BONES, SEAFOOD CHIP AND CANDY WRAPPERS PLASTIC UTENSILS PLASTIC CONTAINERS OR WI FROM FOOD PACKAGING PLASTIC OF ANY KIND GLASS OF ANY KIND BEVERAGES

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Electronics Recycling

In association with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, the Village of Mount Prospect offers free electronics recycling services to residents. Appropriate items may be dropped off at either Mount Prospect Public Works facility at 1700 West Central Rd, or SWANCC's Glenview Transfer Station 1151 North River Rd.

The Publics Works location will accept items every Wednesday between 10:00 am and noon, April 3rd through October 30th. The Glenview Transfer Station is open year-round and accepts items from 9:00 to 11:30 am on Saturdays.

A complete list of acceptable items can be found on the Village website at mountprospect.org/home/showdocument?id=2417.

For more info, call 847.870-5640 or e-mail publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Shared Cost Sidewalk Program

The Village is currently accepting applications from property owners, including businesses, interested in replacing sections of the public sidewalk adjacent to their property. Applications are available online at mountprospect.org or at the Public Works Department located at 1700 West Central Road.

The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program provides a partnership between the Village and property owners to maintain a critical component of our infrastructure. Similar to last year, the resident's share is \$65 per sidewalk square with the Village paying the remaining amount as established by a contractor's bid.

Applications will be accepted in the order they are received until funding is exhausted. The last day applications will be accepted is May 17th.

For questions pertaining to the sidewalk program, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Flood Preparedness and Protection

There are five main waterways that carry stormwater into, through, and out of the Village — the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek, and Higgins Creek. There are flood hazard areas associated with each of them. A map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) has been prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In addition to property owners, the information on the map may be of interest to lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, real estate agents, and interested citizens.

Members of the Village Engineering staff will help locate your property on the map and provide other basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information. As a point of reference, the most recent flooding event occurred in April 2013 when almost every neighborhood of the Village experienced flooding.

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

While floods always seem to occur at the most inconvenient times and with very little warning, there are many things that you can do to prepare for a flood.

- Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood event. Be sure to keep a copy of the list at another location such as work or a friend or family member's house.
- Keep an inventory of your personal property that can be used to identify
 what has been damaged and lost during a flood. Photographs or a video
 record of each room can be helpful.
- Use a secure location away from your home to store originals and copies of critical personal documents such as insurance policies, vehicle titles, deeds, bank and credit card account information, wills, and important telephone numbers.
- Talk to your insurance agent to be sure you are protected from loss caused by flooding or sewer back-ups.
- Keep supplies on hand to begin immediate clean-up should any flooding occur.

FLOOD-PROOFING

There are several methods that have proven to be effective in flood prevention, including some measures called retrofitting to alter existing structures.

- Elevation involves lifting the structure to raise the lowest floor above the flood protection level.
- Relocating a building out of a flood area is the surest way to eliminate flooding concerns.
- Floodwalls are barriers built out of fill or concrete that can prevent water from reaching your building or home.
- Dry flood-proofing can create a water-proof seal around walls and floors to keep water out.
- Wet flood-proofing modifies the structure and relocates contents so that there will be little or no damage if flood waters do enter the building.

If you have flooding or drainage concerns or would like any additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847. 870.5640 or email publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a website that can also provide additional information at www.fema.gov.

Please note that any structural modification or alteration to your home, building or land, including re-grading or filling a flood plain require a permit from the Community Development Department.

FLOOD PROTECTION

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are some things you can do to minimize the potential for damage.

- Regrading your lot or constructing a small earthen berm may help to keep water away from your building.
- Watertight closures over doorways and windows can prevent flood waters
 from entering during a flood event. This method is not recommended for
 houses with basements, or if water has the potential to be more than two feet
 deep.
- Furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters and major appliances can be elevated on platforms or moved to higher floors.
- Temporary measures like sandbagging may prevent water from entering your building during a flood event.
- Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up
 into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe that can be purchased at a hardware store for approximately \$25 can stop this if the water
 doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. For deeper sewer backup flooding,
 talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves. You can find more
 information on these measures, called flood proofing and retrofitting, at the
 Mount Prospect Public Library.

Always check with the Mount Prospect Building Division before you build on, fill, alter, or regrade your property, or make building alterations. A permit is needed to ensure that all projects comply with our Village Code and do not create drainage problems for other nearby properties.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

To help minimize potential losses due to periodic flooding, the Village has adopted Floodplain Regulations (Chapter 22 of the Village Code). Any construction within a floodplain requires a Floodplain Development Permit prior to any work.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, since the Village of Mount Prospect is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village. Coverage can be obtained on the building as well as on the contents. Contact your insurance agent to find out more about flood insurance.

Through the Village's participation in the CRS Program, property owners are eligible for up to a 20% discount on the flood insurance premiums. Please take note that there is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect.

Some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance that can be added on to your homeowner's insurance policy. Contact your agent for more information.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Depositing debris into any part of our drainage system is a Village Code violation as it can have a serious impact on flooding. Dumping materials such as grass clippings, branches, garbage and other unwanted material into any of the Village's waterways, the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch,

Weller Creek, or Higgins Creek, or any drainage ditches, can decrease the ability of our drainage system to carry water away from our properties. Contact the Public Works Department immediately if you see any debris that may potentially cause flooding problems.

Finally, if you have flooding or drainage concerns or would like any additional information regarding flooding in or around your property, just stop by or call the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 (TDD: 847.392.1235). The Engineering staff will assist you, including visiting your site, to identify possible ways to reduce the risk of flooding your property.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a website that can also provide additional information at fema.gov.

10 Tips to Prevent Water Pollution

Water that passes through storm drains and roadside ditches makes its way to our inland lakes, streams, rivers and Lake Michigan. That means that any motor oil, pet waste, leaves, grass clippings, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our water without being treated and is a direct contributor to water pollution. Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain or into a ditch as those materials can poison fish, birds, and other wildlife, and can find their way into drinking water supplies. In addition, dirt, litter, branches and grass clippings can clog storm drains and cause flooding. Remember, Only Rain Down the Drain! Help preserve our water sources by following these tips:

- Sweep up driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them with water.
- Never dump anything down a storm drain or into a ditch.
- Plant bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Use fertilizers sparingly and avoid pesticides.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check cars for leaks and recycle motor oil. (Did you know that just four quarts of oil can form an eight-acre oil slick if spilled or dumped down a storm drain?)
- Pick up after your pet.
- If you are on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped regularly.

Be sure to report anyone dumping materials into a storm drain or ditch to Village officials.

Tree Planting 2019

The Village's on-going replacement of parkway trees will continue in 2019 as last year's removals are replaced. It is our goal to replace all parkway trees that are removed the following season provided there is adequate space. To increase the diversity of our urban forest, a minimum of eight to ten tree varieties will be used. Planting will take place both spring and fall. If you have a specific request for the spring planting, please contact Public Works prior to March 31st. Should your parkway tree not be replaced in spring, it may still get done in fall. Village crews will mark the location of a new planting site with a brown mark on the curb, and leave a letter explaining the planting process.

If you are interested in our planting programs or have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or 847.870.5640.

Fire Department

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and a working smoke alarm will give you time to get out.

Residents who have purchased a smoke alarm and need assistance with installation should contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at

847.818.5253. The Fire Prevention Bureau can also inspect existing smoke alarms to verify they are working properly.



Change Your
Clocks, Change
Your Batteries

When you change your clocks for daylight savings on March 10th, remember to also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. The Mount Prospect Fire Department recommends you change the batteries in these devices at least twice a year, and any time you hear the *chirp* warning of a low

battery. *Change your clocks, change your batteries* is a simple way to remember to follow this recommendation so you always have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide

detectors.





Severe Weather Preparedness

One of the biggest threats we face each spring is severe weather. Severe weather includes severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flash flooding, which all have the potential to affect Mount Prospect. The best way to

ensure your safety during any severe weather event is to be prepared to handle the situation and make sure to take shelter when needed.



TERMS TO KNOW

Severe Thunderstorm Watch I Weather conditions are strong enough to produce severe thunderstorms and capable of producing hail and/or winds 58 mph or greater, and even tornadoes.

Tornado Watch I Weather conditions are strong enough for severe thunderstorms to produce tornadoes. Listen to a weather radio or watch your local weather channel for more information and be prepared to take shelter.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning I A severe thunderstorm has developed and is capable of producing hail and/or winds 58 mph or greater.

Tornado Warning l A severe thunderstorm has either produced a tornado, or radar has indicated low level rotation. Take shelter immediately.

For more information on Emergency Preparedness, please visit our website at mountprospect.org and go to Emergency Preparedness listed under the How Do I tab.

Police Department

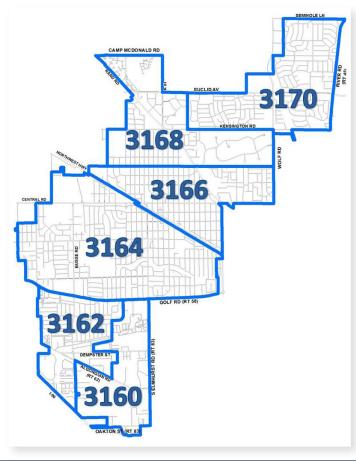
Police Beats in the Village

The Village of Mount Prospect is divided into six police patrol beats -3160, 3162, 3164, 3166, 3168 and 3170. In 2016, permanent beat assignments for patrol officers were created to allow the police department to better serve the community. Patrol officers are assigned a patrol shift and beat for an entire calendar year, allowing the officers to become integral parts of the community that they have been assigned to serve and protect. Each beat has a sergeant who is responsible for the officers assigned to that beat.

Over the past two years, beat officers have been tasked with participating in or hosting community engagement events to meet and collaborate with residents and businesses on ways to best serve the community. Some events that have taken place have been *Coffee with The Cops*, the *Five-0 5K, Chillin' With the Blue Line Ice Skating Event* and *Pool Party with The Police*. These community engagement efforts have been successful in building positive partnerships with the community and will continue to be a focus during the 2019 calendar year for the police department.

New in 2019, beat officers will host two *beat meetings* to help identify and address specific community concerns within each patrol beat. One of the beat meetings will occur during the spring, and the other during the fall. During the meetings, the beat sergeant and officers will share with the residents and business representatives, service call data, as well as prevention messages. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the community to voice concerns regarding their neighborhoods, and work with the officers to identify and implement solutions to these concerns. Further information on when and where your specific beat meetings will take place will be posted on the Village website, mountprospect.org, and shared through the police department's social media accounts.

Residents and businesses can learn what patrol beat they are in by checking out the Police Department pages on the Village website. Residents and businesses can also contact the beat sergeants and officers via email; specific addresses can be found on the Village website as well.



Cocoa with the Cops

Enjoy some delicious hot chocolate and meet officers assigned to beat 3168 on Wednesday, March 13 from 3:30-5:30 pm at McDonald's, 13 West Rand Road,



courtesy of Bear Family Restaurants. Officers will be serving up complimentary hot chocolate while discussing community issues and building partnerships with the residents and business owners in the area.

Street of the Week Program

Mount Prospect police will concentrate traffic enforcement on designated roadways for one week periods. Here are the dates and the corresponding roadways for the program in the months ahead:

March 4-10 | Northwest Highway March 11-17 | Lonnquist Blvd.

March 18-24 | Elmhurst Road/Main Street

March 25-31 | Golf Road

April 1-7 | Burning Bush Lane April 8-14 | Busse Road

April 15-21 | Euclid Avenue

April 22-28 | Lincoln Street



Human Services

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) was established by former President Ronald Reagan in 1981. This year's NCVRW takes place April 7th through 13th as people across America come together to promote victims' rights, celebrate progress made, and advocate for victims. The 2019 theme is Honoring Our Past, Creating Hope for the Future.

According to CrimeVictims.org, fewer than half of victims report violent crimes. The advocate organization suggests following these tips to help improve the process for victims:

- Focus on building relationships by listening, offering support, and delivering culturally competent services to those in need.
- Find ways to remove the barriers that keep many victims from reporting their crimes.
- Provide a safe environment for victims to report their crimes and provide services after reporting the crime, during trial, and after the verdict.
- Improve access to services.

To learn more about this important topic, visit www.ovc.gov.

Appointments Needed for Upcoming Senior Citizen Programs

AARP will offer free Income Tax Assistance for low and moderate-income seniors at the Mount Prospect Village Hall. Trained volunteer counselors will assist in preparing federal and state tax returns. Appointments are required. Call the Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 to schedule your appointment.

State of Illinois Benefits Access Program License Plate Discount, Seniors Ride Free and Persons with Disabilities Ride Free benefits. An approved application for this program is good for two years. If your Benefits Access expires this year, you will need to reapply within ninety days of the Benefits Access expiration date. People new to the program should apply at least ninety days before their license sticker is due to expire (and not before). There are income guidelines for this program. If applying before April 18th, income from 2017 must be used. If you don't qualify under the income guidelines, you may wait until after April 18th and use your 2018 income.







Community Connections Center

You can see the Community Connections Center's monthly calendar, view current happenings and decide which programs you would like to attend through the Center's Facebook page. *Like* us at facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter

If you are interested in learning or improving your English in a friendly group setting, join us as we are once again offering our Conversations in English program. It provides a great opportunity for you to improve your English as you work with native English speakers. This program is offered every Thursday at the Community Connections Center. For more information and to register call 847.506.4930.



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Hours

Monday-Friday 11am - 7:30pm Friday prior to the 2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm 2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm





-rench Trivia Night

FRIDAY | MARCH 8 | 7PM

Mount Prospect Village Hall Community room 50 South Emerson Street Celebrate Mount Prospect's French-American connection. Bring a friend, some snacks & beverages for fun, camaraderie and prizes! All questions in English.

Tickets \$12,50

10 per Table I Limited Seating

All tickets must be purchased in advance. No sales at door/All sales final

Reserve your tickets today!

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Poffee with Pouncil

with Council is held on the second Saturday of anything concerning Mount Prospect. Coffee every month (unless there is a conflict with a Frustees and Department Directors about Meet informally with the Village Board of holiday) from 9 to 11 am at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street.

For more information, please call the Village Manager's or visit mountprospect.org. Office at 847.392.6000



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH Early Bird Pool Passes Go on Sale, MPPD	Mini Golf At the Library 10am-3pm, MPPL
6	4	Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lions Rec. Center Play and Leam 11:30am-12:30pm Community Connections Center	9	Conversations in English 11:30am-1 pm Community Connections Center Blood Drive 3-7 pm, VH Walk-Ins Welcome	Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH French Trivia Night, 7pm, VH	Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Community Room Quarterly Open House Format
Second Sunday at the Society: A Peek in Mount Prospect's Attic, 11:30am, 1:30pm, Mth. Prospect Community Band: How Sweet It is Concert, 3:30 pm, Trinity United Methodist Church	-	Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lons Rec. Center Play and Lam 11:30am-12:30pm Community Connections Center	All About GMO's by Kim Morton, 11:30am, Friendship Park Conservatory, GCMP Cocca with the Cops 3:30-5:30pm McDonald's 13 West Rand Road	Conversations in English 5:30-7pm Community Connections Center	15 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	16
17	18 Early voting through April 1	Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lions Rec. Center Play and Lam 11:30am-12:30pm Community Connections Center	20	Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center	Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	23
31	25	Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lions Rec. Center Play and Lean 11:30am-12:30pm Community Connections Center	27 Rules of the Road Class 1:30pm, VH	28 Conversations in English 5:30-7pm Community Connections Center	Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	30

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MPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce **RTPD** River Trails Park District

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.

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